

on whether Judge Kavanaugh's executive branch records are official—available to the committee and to the public—or personal. It is simply absurd to suggest that anyone is hiding anything. So I hope I don't hear that complaint anymore.

I hope my colleagues on the other side of the aisle put aside politics and reconsider their reckless demands for the immediate release—for the whole world to see—of documents that contain full names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, personal communications with family members, other sensitive matters affecting personal privacy, and, of course, some of the more sensitive issues related to the President's core constitutional duties.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, we are making good progress on the rather large package of appropriations bills, including Defense and Labor and HHS, but just to make sure we are in a position to wrap it up before we depart for the week, I send a cloture motion to the desk for Senate amendment No. 3695.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on Senate amendment No. 3695 to Calendar No. 500, H.R. 6157, an act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

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MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. HEITKAMP. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for yesterday's votes on S.A. 3705 and S.A. 3706 to H.R. 6157 so I could join the Secretary of the Air Force during her visit to Grand Forks Air Force Base in my home State. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on the amendments.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL "TONY" DUNNE AND BRANDON "RAY" SEABOLT

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, it is my honor to pay tribute today to two exceptional Oklahomans and patriots, retired Army Chief Warrant Officer Michael "Tony" Dunne of Webber Falls, OK, and retired Army Chief Warrant Officer Brandon "Ray" Seabolt of Skiatook, OK. On August 14, 2018, both were awarded the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Valor, the highest civilian award presented by the Department of Defense.

On August 7, 2015, Tony was working at Camp Integrity, just north of Kabul, Afghanistan, executing duties as contractors for the Department of Defense when a potent vehicle-borne improvised explosive device impaled the main gate and knocked down a guard tower. Without hesitation, Tony rushed to the fight and evacuated a wounded servicemember from the scene, undoubtedly saving their life. From his actions that day and others, Tony has been honored for exceptional gallantry in repeatedly putting himself in harm's way to assist in countering multiple insurgent threats, helping to save lives at the risk of his own.

On December 17, 2015, Ray was serving as a counter-IED expert in congruence with U.S. Special Forces and Afghan partners when they were ambushed by enemy fire. Without regard for his own life, Ray jumped to action and single-handedly fended off the insurgent onslaught, allowing the recovery force to approach the scene with little resistance. Ray has deservedly been recognized for his bravery and confidence in supporting multiple engagements with the enemy with dev-

astating effects and for providing tactical advice and assistance in the successful recovery of servicemembers.

Oklahoma is truly honored and proud to claim Tony and Ray, two patriots that exemplify the ultimate in bravery and courage in support of our country's most critical national security missions both at home and overseas.

Created in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, the Medal for Valor recognizes government employees and private citizens who perform an act of heroism or sacrifice, with voluntary risk to their personal safety in the face of danger. Tony and Ray's well-deserved medals, along with one other awarded on August 14, bring the total number of Medals for Valor to 17 awarded since September 11, 2001. This exemplifies the recognition of immense sacrifice that this small group has made for our Nation. Now, Tony and Ray's names will permanently reside in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes, distinguished among our Nation's best.

REMEMBERING OPHA MAY JOHNSON

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, August 13, 2018, marked the centennial of women serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. I am proud that Indiana was home to the first woman to serve in the Marine Corps, Opha May Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Kokomo, IN, on May 4, 1878. Before becoming a marine at the age of 39, she graduated from Wood's Commercial Business College and worked diligently for 14 years in the Interstate Commerce Department.

Like many Americans during WWI, Mrs. Johnson heeded the Nation's call and took the oath without hesitation on August 13, 1918. She was the first of 300 women who worked at the Marine Corps headquarters in Virginia. After 5 weeks in the service, she was promoted to the rank of sergeant and remained on Active Duty until February 1919, 3 months after the end of WWI. Mrs. Johnson remained in civil service until her retirement in 1943.

Mrs. Johnson was the first of a group of trailblazing women in the Marine Corps, and it is with overwhelming pride that I recognize her service to this country. As a marine and Hoosier, I ask that you join me today in honoring Opha May Johnson and all of the courageous marines following in her footsteps.

TRIBUTE TO KEN FLANZ

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today, I wish to salute Ken Flanz, my longtime legislative director and senior-most legislative policy adviser who is retiring from the Senate, for his nearly 30 years of devoted congressional service.

Next month, he joins his loving wife, Meghan, in her hometown in southern California. I was honored to attend their wedding in 2003 at St. John's Church near the White House, with their families and friends.